Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Families serve as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem, and support and they are the foundation of our communities, our state, and our nation; and,

Whereas, Many children and elderly residents reside with and/or are cared for by other family members, both formally and informally; and,

Whereas, Family members open their homes and hearts to provide a source of love, support, and belonging to their kin in times of need, and they play a vital role in helping families remain strong and connected; and,

Whereas, Dedicated kinship families know no boundaries of race, creed, culture, or social status; and,

Whereas, There are numerous tribal, state, and local agencies who encourage and support kinship care and acknowledge the enduring and valuable contribution of kinship providers; and,

Whereas, September 2009 has been designated as South Dakota's Third Annual Kinship Appreciation and Awareness Month:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 2009 as

KINSHIP APPRECIATION AND AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventeenth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State